

Edmonton Classical Academy Eastgate School Council

Agenda - Minutes

Date: January 21/2026

Role	Name	Attendance
Chair	Kelsa Unruh	Present
Vice Chair	Michelle Lindberg	Present
Secretary	Sally Berg	Present
Treasurer	Shayne Stoik	Present
Principal	Mr. Robert Piotrkowski	Present
Faculty Representative	Mrs. Tabitha Weibe	regrets

Committee Chairs

Festivals	Maria Laura Giordani, Anya Yahnishchak	Anya - present
Playground	Vacant	
Communications	Anya Yahnishchak	Present
Playpod Committee	Kelsa Unruh	Present
Library Committee	Rhamona Barber	Present
Events Committee	Meagan Jakubec	Present
Teacher and School Support	Faith Bodnarek/Colyssa Stoik	Faith - present
School Concerts Committee	Oksana Shyshyna	Regrets
Movie/Games Night Committee	Simran Chawla	Regrets
Grant Writing Committee	Jeff Jakubec	Regrets

General Attendance

Rachel T. Michael E.

Outstanding Action Items from Prior Meeting

Responsible (Who)	Action Item (What)/ Target Date	Status
Mr. Piotrkowski	Clarify amount of money allocated to the playground from the facilities budget	No update available
Kelsa	Reach out to Jen G re father-daughter dance	Done
Kelsa	Book meeting with school administration and Jeff J to discuss grant request priorities	Remains outstanding

Current Meeting Agenda, Minutes/Notes and Action Items

Today's Agenda	Minutes (Notes)	Action Items
Introduction (Chair)	a. meeting call to order at ____6:07pm____	

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a. Welcome b. Approval of agenda (call for additions) c. Acceptance of Previous Minutes: W 2025-12-18 Scho... d. Review Outstanding Action Items	b. Approval of agenda i. moved by: Anya Y. ii. seconded by: Meagan J. c. Approval of previous minutes i. Moved by: Meagan J. ii. Seconded by: Faith B. d. Review action items from last meeting	
Chair's Report	ACA Board Report Volunteer Tracking: Following a discussion with Rob, Council reached out to Calgary campus School Council chairs to review their approach to volunteer hour tracking. The Bridgeland Campus confirmed they use a QR-code-linked Google Form with responses feeding into a spreadsheet monitored by the Associate Principal. Parents may request their volunteer hour balances through the Associate Principal. Track It Forward was reviewed as a potential option; however, it was determined that the platform would require significant ongoing administration. We will proceed with a simpler Google Form-based approach . The form has been created and is expected to be available in the near future.	
Principal's Corner	Ongoing observation that the pool of regular parent volunteers is small and non-representative of wider school community. General discussion held regarding engagement with school community - how to build community with focus on shared values, how to encourage parent and family attendance at events, how to encourage more parents to volunteer. Some factors that may lead to decreased participation include access to babysitters, cost of events, and lack of	- Clarify if monetary donations can be allocated to a specific area/location

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	organic ways to meet other families/parents eg school pick-up. Alberta Classical Academy now has charitable status ie individuals/companies who donate are eligible for tax refund.	
Playground Committee Report	Position remains vacant	
Playpod Committee Report	Nothing to report.	
Library Committee Report	Soft opening of the library occurred January 19th Pop up book sale- need to communicate clearly to community - Books and toys need to be donated from school community	- Anya will post request for donations on telegram.
Events Committee	Upcoming Father/Daughter Dance-Feb 20th from 6:00-8:30 -Possibility for 1-2 older students working out details with Rob currently -School can provide sound equipment - Tickets \$5 per attendee -Will send out flyers the week of Jan 26th? -Can reuse most of decor from last year -Funding request • Lighting ~\$75 • Food and Beverages ~\$450 • Balloon arch kit/extra decor ~50.00 • TOTAL=\$575 Discussion regarding Promotion Ceremonies. School calendar currently has Grade 4 promotion ceremony scheduled for June 23 and Grade 8 scheduled for June 24. However, last year the promotion ceremony was just for Grade 4, with a decision that promotion to high school would occur in Grade 9, not Grade 8. Parent volunteers from grades 4 and 9 needed to coordinate the promotion ceremonies.	- Sally will reach out to Grade 9 parents to canvas for interest in organizing Grade 9 promotion ceremony

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Teacher and School Support Committee Report	February - stocking staff fridge with favorite beverages	
Grant Writing Committee Report	Two grants identified (science and outdoor greening) and relayed to appropriate staff. - Will be pursuing Science grant ~\$5k, application deadline May. - No reply regarding outdoor grant. Will continue scanning. Most grants project-based. Process agreeable, Mr. P? Potential for partnership with ACA and staff Grant Writer. Would be happy to connect with their staff if provided contact details.	Mr. P to connect Jeff with Natalie Valle - ACA grant writer
Communications Committee Report	New website has been carefully created by Anya and Laura. Monthly parent council newsletter will be sent from school administration with links to the website.	
Festivals Committee Report	Winter festival Jan 31st Consideration for early bird pricing for future festivals to encourage earlier ticket purchases. We need toy/book donations and baking items for the sale	Anya will send out a request for toys/books/baked items for sales
Concert Committee Report	Thank you to Matthew for recording the concert	
Movie and Games Night Committee Report	Grades 3-5 movie night Friday Jan 23. Playing Babe the Pig. Pizza, fruit will be supplied. Sales so far - \$601.50 with 86 students in attendance. At least 15 parents in attendance (based on parent pizza sales).	
Faculty Corner	Students are loving the sleds and are being good about not using them on the snow piles as per school rules.	

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	Older students are taking interest in pulling younger students around. Staff are looking forward to the movie night for the students.	
New Business	1. Request to move concerts to Fridays - Olubukola A. Grade 5 parent. Parent was not able to attend the meeting. E-mail from the parent outlining the concerns was read out to school council. Main concern from parent is that a mid-week concert leads to excess tiredness and disrupted routines, with more difficulty completing homework assignments and attending school the following day. a. Discussion - potential for lower attendance on Friday due to families going away for the weekend; teachers may have less availability on Friday evenings; any rental items would need to be picked up on a Saturday as they generally collect the next day - this would require that someone is at the school on Saturday to meet the vendor b. Wednesdays are chosen as this is a day when teachers are already contracted to remain after hours. c. Teachers generally do not assign homework on concert days. d. More notice about time/date of the concert would be helpful for parents to schedule their day and take time off from work/arrange childcare for younger siblings e. Overall decision: given above constraints and	- Sally to e-mail the parents to inform them of discussion and outcome.

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	logistics, school concerts will continue to be held during the week with option to consider a Thursday evening event instead of Wednesday. Effort will be made to finalize concert details well in advance to allow families to plan accordingly. 2. Icy conditions and playground safety - Talal P. Grade 2 parent. Parent was not able to attend the meeting. E-mail outlining concerns was read out to the school council, with main areas of concern related to degree of supervision and taking action on incidents of bullying/aggression a. Concerns re bullying/physical aggression raised are better addressed directly with the principal, along with specific examples and areas of concern. b. Teachers have actively prevented children from engaging with pushing/sliding on the hill	
Next Meeting Date	Thursday February 19/2026	
Meeting Adjournment	Meeting Adjourned at __7:24 pm__	